

"Well, no," answered the bolder of the two, "we are members of the school committee!"—

President's admirers are about to form a new party, to be called the New Hickory party. They will try to persuade Mr. Cleveland to play the part of New Hickory.

Sam Jones says he would rather be a preacher than President Grover Cleveland. Then he paused for applause. Of course he would. There's nothing unseemly in that, but would the great revivalist rather be a preacher than be Nicholas K. Stuppinis, of Kalamazoo, Mich.? That's the question. Mr. Stuppinis is the happy possessor of a three-eyed cow. —[Syracuse Standard.

THE DRAMA—MUSIC,
WALLACE STATION, 1890.

Mr. Robertson's delicate comedy of "Home"

was revived last night at Wallack's Theatre with Mr. Wallack in the character of *Colonel White* and with Miss

rophile Lyre in the character of *Mrs. PUNCHBECK*, and it was received with uncommon favor by an undemonstrative but appreciative audience. This is a

live but appreciative audience. This piece, it will be remembered, was written for Mr. Jefferson, but that comedian did not favor it for humorous reasons.

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DEAF MUTES DO NOT THINK IN ENGLISH—THE
LANGUAGE AS DISTINCT AS GERMAN OR ITALIAN.
—*Editor of the Freeman*

Sir: All persons interested in the condition of the deaf will watch with anxiety the methods employed to test the mental condition of the deaf and dumb agency of Mr. Ponceau. The testimony published yesterday's TRIBUNE, and apparently considered as evidence of imbecility, leads me to fear that the examination is being conducted without the aid of experts acquainted with the condition of the deaf and dumb and the language which they employ. I am sure that, in this case, there may be danger of a mischievous injustice.

In most of our schools for the education of the deaf the language employed in communicating with the pupils is not, as it is in Europe, the ordinary language of the people, but is a special language, as distinct from English as French or German. The pupils acquire this special language as they acquire the ordinary language of the people. In a special exercise, such as our schoolboys study French or German, study right and incorrect, with an extremely imperfect knowledge of English, just as many bright and intelligent hearing children study French or German, and are told that they are imbeciles, in such cases the attempt to ascertain the intelligence of the deaf mute by his comprehension of the English language is as absurd as the attempt to ascertain the nature of his written responses, which might yield as fallacious results.

It is not the language of the deaf, but of an American sign, a composition of German and by his ability to express his thoughts in that language. The identity of the comprehension of the deaf with the comprehension of the hearing in the other, might be due entirely to an imperfect acquaintance with the language, and not to an imperfectness of intelligence. The deaf mute, intelligent, who is not acquainted with the language beyond question, who were as little capable of carrying on a conversation if he were writing as the deaf mute in the condition of a foreigner who knows very little of the English language, and who is more fully entitled to the name of deaf mute than the deaf mute who speaks German or Italian. Justice demands that the deaf should have the assistance of an interpreter, skilled in the use of the sign language, at the examination of the deaf, as the deaf sector of St. Anna's Church, and many other friends of the deaf and dumb in this country, would be glad to do so. The unfortunate lady who is the subject of this inquiry is now in question.

A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.
from The Liberty Bells.
The passage of the bill which will grant naturalization to the arch-architect, Jefferson Davis, if he is not a United States citizen, neither is he a citizen or subject of any foreign power. He is a man without a nation.

HINTS WHICH STIMULATE CURIOSITY.
from The Philistine.
Every now and then comes a report from the Ohio investigation to remind the country that the side split is worth twice the price charged for admission.

DEAN STANLEY DEFICIENT.
from The Lowell Mail.
Senator Gorton's "face is of a shape which resembles Dean Stanley's." When one comes to the check, however, the resemblance ceases.

IT'S QUITE COMFORTABLE WHERE IT IS, THANK YOU.
from The Atlantic Constitution.
It is said that the Bell Telephone Company is about to withdraw from the State of Indiana. Now will the Gas Electric kindly withdraw from the Democratic party!

AN ARTICLE OF DRESS HIGHLY REQUISITE.
from The Washington Post.
The New York Tribune has a description of the swallow tail coat. It says that a gentleman attended in a coat of the spike tailed variety, no matter if the suit consisted of